

## International Conference on

# DEMOCRACY AND ITS UNDOING: SOUTH ASIA AND ITS POLITICS

organised by the Department of Political Science

 **March 20–21, 2025**

## Programme Schedule

### Day 1 – March 20, 2025

Time	Event
09:00 AM - 09:30 AM	<b>Registration</b> Venue: Entrance Area, Theatre, SR Block
	<b>Opening Ceremony - Venue: Theatre, SR Block</b> Anchor- Dr Saranya Antony A, Faculty, Department of Political Science, ESLA
09:30AM- 09:35AM	<b>Welcome Address</b> Prof. Manoj Kumar Arora, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SRM University-AP
09:35 AM - 09:40 AM	<b>Address by Dean</b> Prof. Vishnupad, Dean-Easwari School of Liberal Arts (ESLA)
09:40 AM - 09.45 AM	<b>Address by the Convener</b> Dr Idris Hassan Bhat, Faculty, Department of Political Science, ESLA
09:45 AM-11:00 AM	<b>Keynote Address I</b> <b>Return to the Cave: Contextual Explorations of Liberalism</b> -Dr Ashok Acharya Professor Department of Political Science University of Delhi
11.00AM - 11.15AM	<b>Tea break - Venue: Entrance Area, Theatre, SR Block</b>
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	<b>Keynote Address II (Online)</b> <b>Democracies over time: A global perspective</b> -Dr Kurt Annen Professor of Economics Department of Economics and Finance University of Guelph Ontario, Canada
12:15 PM - 01:45 PM	<b>Lunch Break - Faculty Lounge</b>

**Parallel Session I**

**Time - 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM**

**Venue - S-502, SR Block**

Chair-Prof. Vandana Swami

Volunteer - Debolina Roy

1. *Dr Sunil Belladi*

(Assistant Professor, Symbiosis International, Pune)

**Othering of the largest minority in Indian Media, A content analysis**

2. *Dr Agney GK*

(Assistant Professor, Mar Thoma College Tiruvalla)

**Rewriting History: Extreme Governments and the Reshaping of Narratives in 21st Century South Asia**

3. *Dr Puneet Yadav*

(Associate Professor, Kirori Mal, Delhi University)

**Democracy's Undoing as Reflected in Hindi Films in the 21st Century: A Cinematic Exploration of Power, Resistance, and Social Change**

4. *Dr Anita Elizabeth Mathew and Krishnapriya K T*

(Assistant Professor, St Mary's College, Sulthan Bathery)

**Impact of Reversal of Democracy: Religious Nationalism and the Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar**

**Parallel Session II**

**Time - 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM**

**Venue - JC-304, JC Block**

Chair - Dr Manasi Sinha

Volunteer - Inakali Sumi

1. *Mr Renoj N K*

(Assistant Professor, University of Kerala)

**Democracy and Affirmative Action: The Thiyya Community's Experience with OBC Reservation**

2. *Nikhil Agrawal*

(Doctoral Fellow, School of International Studies, JNU)

**Religious Persecution and Statelessness in Bhutan: Understanding the Lhotshampa Hindu Exodus and the CAA & Silence**

3. *Subrat Kumar Ratha*

(Doctoral Fellow, Department of International Relations and Politics, Central University of Kerala)

**Gendering Civil Liberties Under Taliban Theocracy: A Case of Post-2021 Afghanistan**

4. *Yashaswani S Sehwat*

(Doctoral Fellow, JNU)

**Unequal Scales: Unveiling Gender Disparity in Legal Systems of Nepal and Sri Lanka**

**03:30 PM - 03:45 PM**

**Tea Break - Venue-Outside S502 (SR Block) and JC 304 (JC Bose Block)**

**Parallel Session III**

**Time - 03:45 PM - 05:15 PM**

**Venue - S502, SR Block**

Chair - Dr Idris Hassan Bhat

Volunteer - Inakali Sumi

1. *Mr Nikhil Biswas*

(Doctoral Fellow, Centre for African Studies, JNU)

**Fallen Between the Cracks: The Lost History of the Garo Christians of Bangladesh**

2. *Dr Akansha Chandra*

(Associate Professor, Indraprastha College of Women, Delhi University)

**Afterlife of Democracy in Pakistan**

3. *Dr Sambaiah Gundimeda*

(Associate Professor, KREA University)

**Religious Conversion and the Indian Constitution: From Constituent Assembly Debates to Anti-Conversion Laws**

4. *Rishiraj Sen*

(Doctoral Fellow, IIM Ahmedabad)

**Mosques, Churches and Hatred: Freedom of Religion and Human Rights in India**

**Parallel Session IV**

**Time - 03:45 PM - 05:15 PM**

**Venue - JC-304, JC Block**

Chair - Dr Saranya Antony A

Volunteer - Debolina Roy

1. *Dr Shiveshwar Kundu*

(Assistant Professor, Kalyani University, West Bengal)

**Role of Emotion in modern version of Authoritarian Populism Case Study: India**

2. *Dr Arun Kumar G*

(Assistant Professor, VIT Chennai)

**Dravidian Politics and Minority Representation: Challenges of Majoritarianism in Tamil Nadu**

3. *Amom Malemnganba Singh*

(Doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Manipur University)

**Twisted Ethnonationalism: Emergence of Religious Nationalism in Manipur, Northeast India**

4. *Dr Ashok Sadasivan*

(Assistant Professor, Amity University, Jaipur)

**Twin Enemies of India's Democracy**

**07:00 PM**

**Dinner - Faculty Lounge**

## Day 2 - March 21, 2025

**09:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Venue: Theatre, SR Block**

**Keynote Address III**

**Democratic Stumbling and Resurgence: A Comparative View of Autocratisation and Resistance**

- Dr Manjari Katju, Professor

Anchor-Dr Manasi Sinha, Faculty, Dept of Political Science, ESLA

**10:30 AM - 10:45 AM**

**Tea Break - Venue - Entrance Area, Theatre, SR Block**

**Parallel Session V**

**Time- 10:45 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Venue - S502, SR Block**

Chair - Dr James Ralte

Volunteer - Debolina Roy

1. *Dr Tanmoy Das*

(Assistant Professor, VIT AP)

**Ductility of the State: Controlled Crisis and Contestation in the hills of Manipur**

2. *Athira K V*

(Assistant Professor, MG University)

**Forgotten Voices: The Struggle For Survival - A Case Study Of Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees In Tamil Nadu**

3. *Ramla P*

(Assistant Professor, MA College)

**Re-Imagination Of Nationalism In Hindu India**

4. *Dr Chandraketan Sahu*

(Assistant Professor, Jindal Global University)

**Reframing Democratic Discourse: Epistemic Sovereignty, Contested Ideologies, and Indigenous Praxis**

**Parallel Session VI**

**Time-10:45 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Venue - JC-304, JC Block**

Chair - Dr Vineeth Thomas

Volunteer - Inakali Sumi

1. *Dr K M V Namboodiri*

(Assistant Professor & Head, Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla)

**Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Erosion in India: A Critical Analysis of Technology under Late Capitalism**

2. *Dr Mubark Hussain*

(Independent Researcher)

**Artificial Intelligence, Social Justice, and Human Rights in India**

3. *Mr Biswajit Prasad*

(Doctoral Fellow, Jadavpur University)

**Intersecting Inequalities: Gender, Ethnicity, and Policy Developments in Democratic Backsliding**

**Parallel Session VII-Online**

**Time-10.45 AM - 12:30 PM**

Chair- Dr Chandana Deka

1. *Dr Aejaz Ahmad*

(Post Doctoral Fellow, ICSSR, New Delhi)

**Democracy in the Age of Billionaires: Plutonomic and Plutocratic Challenges to India's Democracy**

2. *Roshmi Antony*

Doctoral Fellow, Pondicherry University)

**Greening Democracy: Examining India's Panchamrit Policy Amidst Democratic Challenges in South Asia**

3. *Dr Jahnu Kumar Heer*

(Assistant Professor, Govt. Degree College Bani, University of Jammu)

**Gender and Governance: The Evolution of Women's Political Influence in South Asia**

**12.30 PM - 02:15 PM**

**Lunch Break - Faculty Lounge**

**Closing Ceremony - Venue: Theatre, SR Block**

Anchor-Dr Manasi Sinha, Faculty, Dept of Political Science, ESLA

**02:30 PM - 04:00 PM**

**Round Table**

**Challenges to Secularism in India**

- *Prof. Ashok Acharya*
- *Prof. Manjari Katju*
- *Dr Sambaiah Gundimeda*

Moderator- Dr Idris Hassan Bhat

**02:30 PM - 04:00 PM**

**Closing remarks** - Prof. Vishnupad, Dean-ESLA

**04:05 PM - 04:10 PM**

**Vote of Thanks** - Dr R Premkumar, Registrar

**04:15 PM**

**Tea break, Venue - Entrance Area - Theatre, SR Block**

